

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1200  
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A RESOLUTION to designate the week of June 14-20, 2004, as  
"Men's Health Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of six years less than women, with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, a number of circumstances contribute to the longevity difference between genders, including but not limited to susceptibility to cancer and heart disease, sexually transmitted diseases, accident rates, violence, addiction, resistance to seeking treatment for mental or emotional problems, and the special problems of veterans; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of male mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventive measures to preserve health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network is a non-profit educational organization made up of physicians, researchers, public health workers, and other health professionals and individuals that was founded in 1992 to improve the health of men, boys, and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventive health practices; and

WHEREAS, this year in Tennessee's counties and communities, Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues including heart disease, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, all the citizens of this State are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the week of June 14-20, 2004, including Fathers' Day, is designated as "Men's Health Week" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Tennesseans are encouraged to pursue preventive health practices and early detection efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.